



June 15, 2000

TO:

District and County Superintendents

Directors of Regional Occupational Centers and Programs

Attn: Directors of Testing

Directors of Curriculum High School Principals

Career Technical/Vocational Education Directors

Career Technical/Vocational Education Department Chairpersons

School-to-Career Coordinators

FROM:

Phil Spears, Director

Standards and Assessment Division

SUBJECT:

Spring 2001 Testing Schedule for Assessments in Career Education (ACE)

We are pleased to announce the spring 2001 administration of Assessments in Career Education (ACE), the testing program designed to recognize outstanding student achievement in selected career-technical areas. The testing schedule includes assessments that cover the following five areas:

- Agriculture Core
- Computer Science and Information Services
- Food Service and Hospitality
- Health Care, Level I
- Technology Core

The testing window designated for the spring 2001 administration extends from Tuesday, May 1, through Thursday, May 31. Districts and Regional Occupational Centers and Programs (ROCPs) may choose different testing dates within the window; however, all students within a school must be tested on the same date. Districts, centers, or programs that cannot test during the designated period due to scheduling conflicts may request approval for alternate testing dates. Special forms for this request will be included in the registration packet to be mailed in December 2000.

ACE communications assistance packet and teacher guides for the spring 2001 administration will be available on the Internet at <a href="http://www.cde.ca.gov/statetests/index.html">http://www.cde.ca.gov/statetests/index.html</a> in September 2000. These materials will provide up-to-date information about ACE for teachers, administrators, parents, and students.

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In order to assist in the distribution of ACE materials and information, please fax the enclosed form with the name and address of a contact person for your district or ROCP to the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) at (916) 228-2665.

For questions about the testing schedule for spring 2001, please call Monica Abeyta at SCOE, (916) 228-2662. For general questions about ACE, contact the Standards and Assessment Division at (916) 657-3011 (telephone), (916) 657-4964 (fax), or star@cde.ca.gov (e-mail).

Your support and participation in this program are greatly appreciated.

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